IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action, dated October 31, 2007, having a shortened period of response set to expire January 31, 2008.

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